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SUBJ: CSCE: INFORMATION - RADIO BROADCASTING

REF: A. STATE 88984; B. GENEVA 2968; C. GENEVA 3080

1. AT APRIL 29 NATO CAUCUS, USDEL ASKED FOR REACTION TO BROADCASTING TEXT, REEMPHASIZING STRONG USG INTEREST IN A PROVISION COVERING THE JAMMING ISSUE. UK AND FRENCH DELS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS INDICATED THAT THEY COULD ACCEPT US FORMULATION AS AN END RESULT; ALTHOUGH THEY WOULD PREFER FOR TACTICAL REASONS TO GIVE IT A MORE WESTERN SLANT FOR PRESENTATION TO THE SOVIETS.

2. OTHER DELS WERE STILL AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS. DANISH DEL EXPECTED HIS GOVERNMENT TO SHARE UK AND FRENCH VIEWS. FRG EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT SECOND PART OF US FORMULATION, IF ADOPTED AT CSCE, COULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR FUTURE EASTERN DEMARCHES ON CONTENT OF BROADCASTS, AND SUGGESTED, ON A PERSONAL BASIS THAT TEXT BE REVISED TO READ: BEGIN TEXT: THE PARTICIPATING STATES EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE BROADENING OF DISSEMINATION OF RADIO INFORMATION WILL CONTINUE, RECOGNIZING THAT RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTS TO OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES CONTRIBUTE TO THE
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STRENGTHENING OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG PEOPLES. END TEXT.

CANADIAN DEL SHARED CONCERN OF FRG ON SECOND PART OF US TEXT, INDICATING IT IMPLIED IN HIS OPINION THE IDEA OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONTENT, WHICH COULD HAVE UNDESIRABLE IMPLICATIONS FOR INTRODUCTORY TEXT ON INFORMATION, IN WHICH THE SOVIETS WISH TO MENTION RESPONSIBILITY OF JOURNALISTS (PARA 3, REFTEL C). CANADA EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE FOR DROPPING THE US TEXT IN FAVOR OF "ACCESS TO INFORMATION" LANGUAGE IN THE INTRODUCTORY TEXT.

3. SEVERAL DELS SUGGESTED THAT FIRST PART OF PHRASE BE CHANGED TO READ "RADIO AND TELEVISION INFORMATION" TO COVER SUCH TV BROADCASTS AS FROM FRG TO GDR AND FROM FINLAND TO ESTONIA, WHICH ARE NOT REPEAT NOT BEING JAMMED AT THE PRESENT TIME. FRG ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT TO INCLUDE "TELEVISION" IN SECOND PART OF TEXT WHILE OMITTING IT FROM FIRST PART MIGHT PREJUDICE WEST GERMAN (AND POSSIBLY ALSO US) POSITION ON FUTURE TELEVISION SATELLITES. THERE SEEMED TO BE SOME FEELING THAT IF IT WERE NOT POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE "TELEVISION" IN THE FIRST PART, IT SHOULD BE DELETED ALTOGETHER.

4. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER INSTRUCTED ALLIED VIEWS AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE. MEANWHILE, WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON POINT MENTIONED IN PARA 3 ABOVE.DALES

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